



**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of the Solicitor General**

Washington, D.C. 20530

December 12, 2019

Honorable Scott S. Harris
Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: Erwin Keith Bell v. United States of America,
S.Ct. No. 19-6672

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on November 15, 2019, and placed on the docket on November 19, 2019. The government's response is due on December 19, 2019.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including January 21, 2020, within which to file the government's response.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: See Attached Service List

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